

Uckfield Baptist Church

UBC: Celebrates, Communicates and Cares, in the love of Christ.

'Where streams of living water will flow' – John 7.38

22nd November 2020

We hope that as a church family we can maintain contact with each other through social media, phone calls, messages etc. Please take time each day to ask God whom he would like you to call that day.



A November walk in the New Forest

Sunday worship:

This Sunday we meet again for worship via YouTube video. Steve will send you the link or you can find the video on our YouTube channel 'Uckfield Baptist Church UK'. It will be available from 9.45am. Please, if possible, watch it at 10.30 am, when we would normally be meeting together. The theme this week is 'The Second Coming of Jesus' from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11.

If you possibly can, do join us for our **Zoom Coffee morning** and breakout groups following the service at 11.30 am. Just click on the link you will be sent by email. Please ask if you have any questions or any problems.

Opportunities for prayer



<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/stories/prayerforthenation>

We are invited to pray throughout the 4 weeks of lockdown, at 6 pm each evening. Please look at the link above for more information

Beacons of Prayer: The next Zoom prayer meeting will be Tuesday 1st December at 7 pm. You will be sent the link by email.

Prayer Chain: Don't forget that UBC has a prayer chain which is available for anyone to use if you would like prayer for a particular situation.



Sending Christmas greetings and cards to church members

For those wishing to send Christmas greetings, there will be Christmas greetings editions of the church notice sheet on Sundays 13th and 20th December. Please send email messages to Jill, either in plain text or with a Christmassy picture background (pictures must be copyright free). If these could be sent as early as possible during the week before each Sunday or even sooner, that would be really helpful.

For those wishing to give cards and have them delivered, please take your addressed cards and leave in the Manse porch by 11th December. The cards will then be delivered by 'Santa's elves' in the days following.



Ladies' Bible Study Group – Christmas meeting

There will not be an online meeting in November, but we are planning to hold a Christmas themed Zoom meeting on Tuesday 8th December at 7.30 pm.

Please can you prepare for it by doing the following: -

- plan to wear something Christmassy if you can (a piece of tinsel in your hair if nothing else!)
- Bring a glass of something and a mince pie/chocolate Santa to enjoy (I favour the chocolate Santa)
- Bring something to share with the group e.g. a Christmas recipe (perhaps with the finished item?), a poem, a favourite carol along with its history and meaning, something for us to sing along to (if you find a Youtube link and let me know beforehand I could have that up all ready), a Christmas reading, favourite extract from a Christmassy book or the bible, something Christmassy you've made, share a special family Christmas tradition. Anything else you can think of!

You don't need to let me know if you are planning on taking part, just use the Zoom link that you will be sent nearer the time.

Deborah

Nativity on tour – 18th and 19th December, 6- 8.30 pm

As we can't hold the Walk-through Nativity this year, along with Kings Church we will be taking the Nativity on tour on the back of a lorry and driving through the streets of Uckfield on the evenings above. You should have received an email from Steve with more details, especially about help needed. People are needed to help prepare props, dress up as a Nativity character and follow the float. Please contact Steve this weekend if you can help.



Fairtrade stall

While the Source is unable to be used for the monthly Fairtrade coffee morning, there will be a Fairtrade stall at the Farmers' Market, held on the first Saturday of each month in Luxford car park.

Please support them if you can.

Thank you from Simon and Wendy

Dear Anne and friends at Uckfield,
We have just received today a lovely envelope with an Advent Calendar (the first Libby has ever seen), a card and an Amazon voucher. Thank you so much for sending us these lovely gifts.

We hope that you are all doing fine in this lockdown period.

We've attached our latest prayer letter in case you haven't read it and would like to.

Thanks,

Simon and Wendy

The prayer letter will be sent out with this email or can be found on this link

<https://www.bmsworldmission.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/1020-Hall.pdf>

Things Not Lost

No one has said we cannot worship God.
We cannot gather, breathing & re-breathing
Warm air of fellowship: it's not that odd.
The shadow of pandemic spreads, bereaving
Us of the things that were. Yes, cause for tears.
But one can weep & worship. Exiles learn
To search the treasure casket of the years
That each soul carries, weightless; to return
In faith to binding love, retest its strength;
To trace the soaring arches deep inside:
Each room a chancel - hallowed breadth & length -
Each place an altar, if the heart decide.
Spirit & truth embrace, deep as old song;
The living stones while scattered still belong.

[written by Caroline Beckett, a Baptist Church member during the second lockdown, Facebook 2/11/20]